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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 18, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 10, 2022, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

### ENSURING A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, just a few days before Christmas, on December 21, President Joe Biden issued a Presidential determination with little fanfare under the Defense Production Act of 1950.

The Defense Production Act of 1950 is a Korean war-era law that allows the government to accelerate production of

critical materials and technology. It is the same law that Presidents Trump and Biden used to stimulate production of COVID-related ventilators and PPE during the pandemic.

In his memorandum to the Secretary of Defense, Biden noted that: "Ensuring a robust, resilient, and competitive domestic defense industrial base that has the . . . workforce to meet the Virginia-class submarine undersea warfighting mission is essential to our national security."

To accomplish that mission, the President invoked DPA authorities to expand the domestic production capability for "large-scale fabrication, shipbuilding industrial base expansion for resilience and robustness, and maritime workforce training pipelines."

As chair of the House Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee, which oversees the Virginia-class program, I strongly support the President's decision because it is based on both strategic national defense considerations and industrial base demand.

Indeed, just a few days after Christmas, the President signed into law the 2022 National Defense Authorization Act, which contained provisions my subcommittee authored that are completely aligned with the President's DPA order.

Specifically, the new 2022 NDAA added funding for new facility construction for submarine production, as well as a boost for workforce training and supply chain development. All of these provisions were plus-ups from the Navy's initial budget request last February and based on our own analysis of strained shipyard capacity.

The more consequential issue contained in the DPA, I believe, is its finding that the Virginia program "is essential to our national security." That finding is a blaring signal to the Congress and the entire country that we need to bolster our undersea deterrent capability to counter aggressive, coer-

cive actions in the maritime domain—specifically, the behavior of both the Chinese and Russian navies that has been overwhelmingly repudiated by the United Nations Law of the Sea Convention, the former in the South China Sea in 2016 and the latter in the Black Sea in 2019.

In both cases, despite the International Court's scathing rejection of both countries' intrusions on protected waters, there is no sign that lawlessness has abated. China's encroachment on territorial waters in the Philippines and Vietnam continues, as does its illegal island building and militarization of artificial landmasses that the court condemned. In the Black Sea and the North Atlantic, Russian claims to sea control and its seizure of Ukrainian naval ships are blatantly in violation of the international rule of law.

Madam Speaker, today, China has the world's largest navy, and Putin is aggressively increasing the size of his submarine fleet.

For the U.S. Navy, what is particularly concerning is the development of sophisticated missile technology by both countries that increases the vulnerability of our surface fleet that has been working in conjunction with allies like France, Japan, and Australia to reassert post-World War II principles of freedom of navigation visibly and peacefully. The joint sea patrols in the international waters of the Indo-Pacific and Black Sea are a reassertion of principles that, since the end of World War II, have successfully reduced the risk of conflict while enhancing trade and prosperity.

To counter ongoing threats to rule of law, the Biden administration has been diplomatically reconnecting, all throughout 2021, with U.S. allies in both regions, as well as reevaluating the highest and best use of limited defense spending. The DPA issued on December 21 is a logical extension of that process. Given the new challenge posed

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by missile technology to our surface ships, stepping up production of the *Virginia*-class program makes perfect sense since those submarines are not at risk from even the most sophisticated airborne missiles, and the Chinese and Russian navies know that.

Madam Speaker, in addition, last September, the new AUKUS security alliance between the U.S., Australia, and the U.K., whose centerpiece is the sharing of nuclear propulsion technology for a new class of Australian submarines, is another powerful, tangible statement about the importance of strengthening our joint allied undersea capability.

As David Ignatius, a longtime observer of U.S. foreign policy, recently wrote in *The Washington Post*: “The AUKUS alliance with Australia and Britain to build nuclear submarines and share other military technology might be the most important strategic move” by the U.S. “in decades.”

The Biden DPA order last month and the AUKUS agreement last September are a powerful, tangible signal by the U.S. to our allies and friends who support a collaborative action to uphold international rule of law, which is critical to maintaining a peaceful coexistence among the world’s nations.

#### COMBATING CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I am an avid outdoorsman. In November and December, if I have time, I tend to spend it out in the woods, deer hunting. This is a popular passion among many Pennsylvanians as well as Americans across our great country. Nothing beats those early mornings heading out to the woods in hopes you will return successful.

But our deer are currently threatened by chronic wasting disease. This is a contagious, neurological disease affecting deer, elk, and moose that is always fatal. CWD has been detected in 25 States and was first discovered in Pennsylvania deer nearly 10 years ago.

Working across the aisle, my colleagues and I introduced H.R. 5608, the Chronic Wasting Disease Research and Management Act, which unanimously passed out of the House Agriculture Committee.

By working closely with stakeholders, we developed a bill to take us one step closer to better understanding the genetic implications of the disease and developing policies best suited to solve the problem.

Specifically, this legislation authorizes \$70 million to split evenly between CWD management and research efforts through USDA cooperative agreements.

The research funds are authorized to be spent on testing and detecting CWD

in live cervids, noncervids, and the environment. Additionally, these funds are authorized for research of genetic resistance to chronic wasting disease, sustainable cervid harvest management practices, and any additional factors of local CWD emergence.

The management section authorizes funding for State or Tribal wildlife agencies and departments of agriculture based on various funding priorities, including the highest incidences of CWD, areas demonstrating greatest financial commitments to addressing CWD, efforts to develop CWD programs and policies, areas of greatest risk of being introduced to CWD, and areas responding to new outbreaks.

This bill also includes key education provisions in which USDA, State, and Tribal agencies are authorized to develop materials to inform the public on chronic wasting disease.

Last but certainly not least, H.R. 5608 directs USDA review of the herd certification program within 18 months.

Madam Speaker, we need all hands on deck to help combat this disease, maintain a healthy deer population, and protect our beloved elk range—certainly, our elk range in Pennsylvania, which is near and dear to me. It is imperative we better understand the transmission of, resistance to, and diagnosis of CWD.

I am really pleased that, in December, this House passed H.R. 5608 with strong bipartisan support, marking an important step in that direction. Today, we wait for the Senate to take up this time-sensitive bill. It is my belief our colleagues in the Senate recognize the urgency and the potential negative economic impacts of CWD if it continues to spread at this rate and work toward its passage.

#### REMEMBERING THE LATE SARAH TYREE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Sarah Tyree, a passionate advocate who spent her career fighting for farmers, advocating for rural and urban agriculture, and working to end hunger.

Sarah dedicated herself to ending hunger and spent her life working on issues like promoting nutrition and reforming our food system to make eating locally grown foods more accessible to everyone.

After starting her career on Capitol Hill, Sarah worked for the Biotechnology Industry Organization and then the Missouri State Department of Agriculture, helping to establish the Missouri Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

Sarah served as vice president of the agricultural consulting firm AgriLogic, and then spent the last 15 years of her career at the financial cooperative

CoBank here in Washington, D.C., where she most recently served as vice president for policy and public affairs.

Madam Speaker, the impact of Sarah’s commitment to agriculture and local farming cannot be understated. She established a partnership between CoBank and the D.C. Central Kitchen, which allowed for the kitchen to significantly expand their local purchasing power. Her efforts helped many farmers keep land that they may have otherwise lost due to the pandemic.

Sarah was a devoted member of the D.C. Central Kitchen board of directors for many years, and she served as chair of the board between 2013 and 2018. In this capacity, Sarah continued her amazing work to end hunger and played a major role in securing funding to establish D.C. Central Kitchen’s new location and expand its reach.

Sarah was unbelievably generous in her support of a cause that was dear to me, Monte Belmonte’s annual march across Western Massachusetts to end hunger and to help support the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. She poured her energy into supporting local and national efforts to end hunger while also empowering the next generation of leaders in combating hunger through her work as a board chairman of the Campus Kitchens Project.

Sarah never stopped imagining a bigger and brighter future. She believed in harnessing the power of community to make America the best that we can be, promoting nutrition, supporting local farmers, and fighting to end hunger along the way. Sarah approached her work and this life with an open heart and a genuine desire to do good. She cared about improving the lives of others in a touching and rare way and has left an immeasurable impact on this world.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, and all those whom Sarah’s light touched, it is my great privilege and honor to celebrate and recognize the wonderful life of the late Sarah Tyree.

I want to say that I think I speak for all of my colleagues in this Chamber when I extend our condolences to her husband and her family. I hope that they all get comfort out of the fact that Sarah made such a difference for so many in this country and around the world.

#### NEW FUNDING FOR SEPTA FROM INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, last Friday was a big day for infrastructure in the Philadelphia region.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg was in Philly to announce the first tranche of funding for bridges under the new law, including \$1.6 billion for Pennsylvania bridges.

That afternoon, I got to highlight how funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will improve our regional public transit system, known as SEPTA.

Over the next 5 years, SEPTA will receive more than \$500 million more than expected. That money will help SEPTA accelerate repair efforts, including rehabilitation projects, vehicle replacement, and improving accessibility of rail and trolley stations.

While all of these upgrades are needed, the forthcoming work on accessibility is especially important. In fact, it is essential. People across our region rely on SEPTA every day to get to work, take their kids to school, buy groceries, go to the doctor, and more. Our neighbors should be able to complete these daily tasks without having to plan around which station has an elevator to accommodate a wheelchair or which stop is easier to get a baby stroller in and out of.

I am glad the infrastructure funding that Congress and President Biden delivered will help get this much-needed work done more quickly. Our Delaware Valley residents deserve it.

□ 1215

#### ELECTION WORKERS ARE ESSENTIAL

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, I rise because we have seen a continuous assault on voting rights and election integrity in recent years, pushed by partisan operatives, foreign governments and, most disturbingly, some of our own elected officials.

Over the weekend, the former President pressed members of his party in Pennsylvania to plant more Republican operatives in our election system in order to influence the counting of votes.

The former President said, "We have to be a lot sharper the next time when it comes to counting the vote. Sometimes the vote counter is more important than the candidate." That is just wrong.

I will be the first to agree that our election workers are essential, but not because they are supposed to change the results in our elections for one political party or another. That is not how American elections work. Here, the people decide.

This kind of mindset is exactly why it is so important to have people of good character trained and ready to execute the duties of poll workers faithfully. Poll workers are the first line of defense for ensuring the right to vote. They help voters overcome challenges, both bureaucratic and physical, at the polls. They also help educate the public about how safe and effective our election system really is.

We need more engaged citizens who want to contribute to our democracy to get involved and sign up to be poll workers in our communities. I encourage my constituents to reach out to their county election officials today to learn more about this unique opportunity to uphold our democratic sys-

tem and help ensure that all eligible voters are able to exercise their most essential freedom, the right to vote.

#### BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW DELIVERS BENEFITS

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, one of the highlights of congressional action last year was the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and we are already seeing the impact in my district, Pennsylvania's 5th, and the greater Philadelphia region.

Just before the holidays, EPA Administrator Regan joined me at the Lower Darby Creek Area Superfund Site to announce that the agency had committed millions in funding from that infrastructure bill to this project, moving its anticipated completion date up to 2023.

At this former landfill, chemicals had leached into the soil and groundwater for decades in the largely minority community of Eastwick. Thanks to funding from the new infrastructure package, many sites like Lower Darby Creek will see their cleanup accelerated, and nearly 50 additional Superfund sites will get the green light to be cleaned up.

Less pollution, safer communities, and more jobs.

I am proud to deliver these benefits to PA-05 through the bipartisan infrastructure law.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BEATTY) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

All-knowing, all-seeing God, look upon us this day. Nothing is hidden from Your sight. All that we are is laid bare before You.

Peer into our innermost thoughts and redeem the unworthiness therein that attempts to define us. Search our souls and give comfort to the discontent that threatens to overwhelm us.

In Your mercy, see us as we are meant to be and give us the light of Your countenance to live into that hope.

Then, as we have been seen, may we see. As we gaze around us, help us to look upon the people You have placed in our paths with the same acceptance that You have shown us.

Give us Your sight, that we would not be the judge of unworthiness, but

the agents of Your redemption. Give us eyes to see the discontented, that we would be instruments of Your comfort and gracious care, with a selfless gesture, a kind word, a helping hand.

Reveal all around us who seek to remain invisible or who have, by our indifference, remained hidden, that no one would have cause to believe that they remain outside Your grace and mercy.

In Your omniscient name we pray.  
Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2471. An act to measure the progress of post-disaster recovery and efforts to address corruption, governance, rule of law, and media freedoms in Haiti.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 106-567, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Public Interest Declassification Board:

Carter Burwell of Virginia.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF JAMES S. MOULTHROP, P.E.

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the retirement of James S. Moulthrop, P.E., a western Pennsylvania native and long-time Pennsylvania Department of Transportation professional whose impact has traveled well beyond the Keystone State.

Jim was born and raised in DuBois, Pennsylvania. He worked for two decades as a registered professional engineer with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in various positions, including district and regional soils engineer, chief field materials control engineer, chief of the Materials and Testing Division, and director of highway maintenance.

His work in the pavement preservation industry has transcended his professional role at PennDOT, Koch Materials, and as executive director at FP2, Incorporated. He has also furthered transportation policy as chairman of the Transportation Research Board's Committee on Pavement Maintenance and on the Executive Committee of Road and Paving Materials.

Mr. Moulthrop has spent his career encouraging comprehensive pavement preservation practices as not only a cost-effective approach to maintaining and preserving our roads, which stretches the Federal budget, but also because they benefit drivers each and every day by improving the quality and safety of our roads.

Madam Speaker, I will conclude by recognizing the impact Mr. Moulthrop's career has had in increasing the awareness of the value and importance of pavement preservation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and States nationwide.

#### TYLER LINDERBAUM DOMINATES ON AND OFF THE FIELD

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding student, athlete, and leader from my district.

Tyler Linderbaum of Solon, Iowa, not only creates a huge impact on the football field as the starting center for the Iowa Hawkeyes, but he also creates a huge impact in our community.

This season, Tyler used the new NCAA rules to hold a fundraiser for our beloved University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital. After setting up a website to sell merchandise, he presented the Children's Hospital with a check for \$30,000.

On the football field, Tyler was dominant. In addition to leading the Hawks to 10 wins, Tyler was named the first team All-American, and was also awarded the Rimington Award as college football's best center. For his work, Pro Football Focus graded him with their highest grade ever given to a college football center.

Thank you, Tyler, for being an outstanding citizen of our community. I am looking forward to watching you continue to dominate in the NFL and make our State and our world a better place. Go, Hawks.

#### SUPPORT LIFE

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, former President Ronald Reagan once said: "America was founded on the moral proposition that human life—all human life—is sacred. And this proposition is the bedrock of our national life, the foundation of our laws. It is the wellspring of our Constitution."

If our Nation can unite around any singular issue, it should be that life is sacred, especially the life of a child.

This week, tens of thousands of Americans will coalesce around that issue as they visit our Nation's Capital for the purpose of protecting life.

I join with these peaceful Americans in supporting laws that ensure every child has the opportunity for the most basic right defined in our Constitution, the right to life.

As a member of the Pro-Life Caucus and a father of two wonderful boys, I want to welcome all these great Americans as they visit Washington, D.C., to help defend the life of the unborn.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Ethics:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
January 18, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On December 9, 2021, the Committee received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Andrew Clyde by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Clyde did not file an appeal with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,  
Chairman  
JACKIE WALORSKI,  
Ranking Member.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Ethics:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
January 18, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On December 9, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notices of three fines imposed upon Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Greene did not file appeals with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

On December 14, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notice of a fine

imposed upon Representative Greene by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Greene did not file an appeal with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,  
Chairman.  
JACKIE WALORSKI,  
Ranking Member.

#### HONORING THE HEROES OF COLLEYVILLE, TEXAS

(Ms. VAN DUYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor America's heroes as they protected the faithful members of Texas-24 in their place of worship over the weekend. We witnessed a terrorist threat in our community, as he held four worshippers hostage in the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, Texas.

The brave men and women of our community selflessly rose to show our neighbors and our country that we will always stand together in unity to support each other. We proved this as the Colleyville Police Department responded immediately to the threat. Local churches showed their support as Good Shepherd Catholic Community Church opened its doors to take in the evacuees and families of hostages until the situation was resolved. Pleasant Run Baptist Church also opened its doors for others and displayed prayer signs for their "brothers and sisters at Beth Israel."

We are grateful for everyone who stepped up to serve their neighbors, and commend the resilience of the four who were held hostage against their will, including Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker, whose courageous actions led to the safe escape of his fellow hostages.

As we await further details, we ask for your continued support and prayers for the Colleyville community and the Congregation Beth Israel synagogue.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 11 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. TONKO) at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair

will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL IMPACT AID FLEXIBILITY ACT

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2959) to provide that, due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19, applications for impact aid funding for fiscal year 2023 may use certain data submitted in the fiscal year 2022 application.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2959

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act”.

#### SEC. 2. IMPACT AID PROGRAM.

Due to the public health emergency directly relating to COVID-19 and notwithstanding sections 7002(j) and 7003(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7702(j), 7703(c)), a local educational agency desiring to receive a payment under section 7002 or 7003 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 7702, 7703) for fiscal year 2023 that also submitted an application for such payment for fiscal year 2022 shall, in the application submitted under section 7005 of such Act (20 U.S.C. 7705) for fiscal year 2023—

(1) with respect to a requested payment under section 7002 of such Act—

(A) use the data described in section 7002(j) of such Act relating to calculating such payment that was submitted by the local educational agency in the application for fiscal year 2022; or

(B) use the data relating to calculating such payment for the fiscal year required under section 7002(j) of such Act; and

(2) with respect to a requested payment under section 7003 of such Act—

(A) use the student count data relating to calculating such payment that was submitted by the local educational agency in the application for fiscal year 2022, provided that payments for fiscal year 2023 shall be calculated by the Secretary using the expenditures and rates described in clauses (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) of section 7003(b)(1)(C) of such Act that would otherwise apply for fiscal year 2023; or

(B) use the student count data relating to calculating such payment for the fiscal year required under section 7003(c) of such Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on S. 2959.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge Members to support the Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act introduced by Senator SMITH from Minnesota and Senator THUNE from South Dakota. The companion bill was introduced by the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) and the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON).

It is difficult to overstate the importance of Impact Aid for our Nation's children. For over 70 years, this program has been critical to ensuring that schools that serve children connected to Federal lands have the resources to help their students thrive.

Unlike most public schools in America, these schools do not receive funding from property taxes from these Federal assets. This means that without Impact Aid support, because they still have to educate the children attached to those assets, this means that without Impact Aid schools serving the children connected to military bases, affordable housing units, or Native Americans on reservations and many other institutions would be significantly shortchanged, and therefore, unable to offer high-quality education.

The need for this program is now greater than ever as our school communities grapple with a resurgence of COVID-19.

In response, Democrats and Republicans worked together in the last Congress led by, again, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) and the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) to enact the Impact Aid Coronavirus Relief Act. That bill ensured that during the pandemic schools continued to have access to Impact Aid funding that accurately reflected their student populations, whether or not those students could accurately be counted as physically in those schools because of the complications created by the coronavirus pandemic.

Today, we have the responsibility to, once again, join together in providing schools the support and flexibility they need to serve their students.

The Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act will go a long way toward ensuring that all students in this country, no matter where they go to school, will have access to high-quality education.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of S. 2959, the Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act. This bill would allow school districts participating in the Impact Aid program to use previously reported student headcounts on their Impact Aid applications for the 2022–2023 school year.

Impact Aid supplements funding for schools and students in areas that col-

lect less in local property taxes due to the Federal Government's presence. School districts that receive Impact Aid payments include those with military bases, Indian reservations, and Federal low-income housing in or near the school district.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a big toll on school districts and communities across the country. It is especially difficult for federally impacted school districts to calculate headcounts due to fluctuations during the pandemic.

Headcounts determine how much aid more than 1,000 federally impacted school districts receive. That aid helps pay for staff salaries, busing, technology, and other educational supports and services for students. This bill ensures the Impact Aid recipients will not be affected negatively by the pandemic and temporary falling enrollment that have resulted. This frees up valuable time and resources to help students, while schools maintain a reliable source of funding as they address the academic, social, emotional, and safety needs of the students.

This bill will have no impact on government spending because Impact Aid is a discretionary program, and its funding level is established through the annual appropriations process.

The trade association for Impact Aid school districts, the National Association for Federally Impacted Schools, is strongly supportive of this bill.

This bill is similar to the one signed into law by President Trump on December 4, 2020.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support S. 2959, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY), the sponsor of the House version of the bill.

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the bipartisan Impact Aid Flexibility Act, S. 2959, which is a companion bill to H. 6126, which I introduced on December 2, 2021. I thank Chairman SCOTT and Ranking Member FOXX, and her representative this evening, Mr. OWENS, of the Education and Labor Committee, and the committee staff for accelerating consideration of this important measure which provides Federal support to 11 million K–12 schoolchildren across America, and whose passage is very time sensitive, which I will explain in a minute.

Mr. Speaker, Federal Impact Aid is our Nation's oldest K–12 Federal education program. Impact Aid has its origins in 1821 when Congress first authorized support for schools to educate military dependent children.

In 1934, Congress passed the Johnson-O'Malley Act, which extended help to school districts located at federally recognized Tribal lands. Congress recognized that, like military school districts, kids residing on Native American Tribal lands, which were not subject to State or local taxation to fund schools, deserved assistance.

In 1950, President Harry Truman signed into law the statutory framework for Impact Aid which still stands today. Impact Aid is an important statement to communities that host children who reside in and are connected to Federal property and facilities, namely, that the Nation will not force them to bear an unfair disproportionate cost to public education.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent a district with two of those host communities, Groton and Ledyard, Connecticut. Groton is the home to our Nation's oldest Navy submarine base with approximately 9,000 sailors and officers who work every day to protect our Nation. Ledyard is the town next door where many personnel live. Groton has over 1,000 Navy kids, and Ledyard has 850. Ledyard is also the site of the Mashantucket Tribal Nation, many of whose children attend Ledyard schools. Impact Aid is critical to these towns' school budgets.

The bill before us addresses an urgent logistical problem with Impact Aid, that, unless we act, will harm military and Tribal districts all across the country, namely, the obstacle created by COVID, to get an accurate headcount of eligible students that must be filed with the U.S. Department of Education by January 31, 12 days from now. And that, again, is the time-sensitive urgency this evening. Military and Tribal districts across the country have reported that COVID restrictions have slowed down the paperwork process, and this hindrance will result in an undercount, and thus, an artificially low Federal reimbursement.

The Impact Aid Flexibility Act will solve this problem in an elegant way by simply carrying over last year's student census, thus ensuring no Impact Aid district will be harmed financially. This is a 1-year fix, the same as the fix the last Congress passed in December 2020, the Impact Aid Coronavirus Relief Act, which I sponsored with my Republican colleague, DUSTY JOHNSON of South Dakota.

Mr. Speaker, this vote is being watched nervously by school officials and military staff all across the Nation, such as Groton school superintendent, Susan Austin, Ledyard superintendent, Jason Hartling, and Miranda Chapman, the Navy School liaison officer at the Groton SUBASE, New London, who have worked with the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools, and I salute them and all their colleagues across the country for their work raising this issue before Congress.

The bill before us has already passed the U.S. Senate unanimously and has the support of the Biden administration. It is a bill that keeps the promise to host communities that a high-quality education will not be denied because of military service or Tribal recognition.

I urge the House to pass this bill tonight with an overwhelming vote of confidence and thanks for those who

wear the uniform of this country and our Tribal nations and their families.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN).

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, the Impact Aid program represents the Federal Government's promise to provide school districts with additional assistance when property taxes are lower because of the presence of military, Federal, or Tribal lands.

Every year, affected school districts take count of the federally connected students through a take-home survey.

This headcount determines the district's Impact Aid reimbursement, which can help pay for teacher salaries, technology, and student support services.

Throughout the pandemic, school systems across the Nation have worked through many challenges to continue serving students. Conducting these Impact Aid surveys have been no different.

That is why the Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act will allow school districts to reuse their FY22 student counts and property tax data when submitting their upcoming FY23 applications at the end of January.

This additional reporting flexibility will be helpful to many of the 1,100 federally impacted school districts, including Richmond County schools in my district, which serves the great community of Fort Gordon and our great base there, a U.S. Army installation.

I am proud to support the Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act. I believe that it will provide much-needed assurance for school systems.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON).

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. OWENS for yielding and for his leadership on this issue.

I rise today in support of the Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act. The pandemic has had a dramatic impact on our school systems and the way students are learning, both in and out of the classroom. Many parents have made the decision to homeschool their children due to uncertainty around vaccine and mask mandates in schools. With many resources of local educational agencies dedicated to fighting the pandemic, it has also become a burden on them to maintain an accurate count of federally connected students.

I am grateful for the bipartisan leadership today of Chairman SCOTT and Ranking Member FOXX, who support this legislation. This bill takes proactive measures to ensuring that teachers and students are adequately supported when returning to the classroom. By allowing local educational agencies to use the same number of federally connected students that they enrolled on their fiscal year '22 applications as they do fiscal year '23 applica-

tions, we can allow them to focus on recovering from the pandemic and serve the children of our United States servicemembers adequately.

As a representative of Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, and also nearby Fort Jackson in Georgia, ably represented by Congressman RICK ALLEN, we have multiple beneficiaries of Impact Aid funding. I am grateful to support this legislation and encourage my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

The Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act ensures that students and schools relying on Impact Aid will not be affected negatively by the pandemic.

Specifically, the bill allows schools to use their previously reported headcounts so that services students rely on will continue. This frees up administrators to use their valuable time and resources addressing the educational needs of the students.

Students in over 1,000 federally impacted districts deserve the resources they receive from the Impact Aid program. This aid helps pay for a wide range of services that students rely on from bussing and technology to educational support services.

I encourage my colleagues to support S. 2959, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, over the last 2 years, Congress has taken historic steps to help schools recover from the pandemic because we know that every school and every student and every family has felt the tragic effects of COVID-19.

However, we cannot fully achieve that goal if we fail to address the unique challenges facing schools that serve students connected with military bases, affordable housing, Native American reservations, and other Federal properties.

Last Congress, Democrats and Republicans came together and, as a Nation, tackled the first strain of COVID-19. We came together to address these challenges and to provide urgent support for Impact Aid schools.

Now, as we confront a new COVID threat, we must provide the support that federally connected children need under the Federal Impact Aid program. By providing the support and flexibility in this legislation, we will help ensure that Impact Aid schools can keep their teachers and staff on the payroll, purchase textbooks and learning supplies, and keep the lights on in their classrooms. And this bill will help ensure that hundreds of thousands of students have access to a quality education.

Again, I thank the Senator from Minnesota (Ms. SMITH) and the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE), as well as, in the House, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. COURTNEY) and



the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) for sponsoring the legislation; and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS) and the committee ranking member, Ms. FOXX, as well as the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN) and the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON), for their help in advancing this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Supplemental Impact Aid Flexibility Act, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 2959.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion are postponed.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 6 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, January 18, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: I have the honor to transmit herewith a scanned copy of a letter received from Ms. Maria Matthews, Esq., Director, Division of Elections, Florida Department of State, indicating that, according to the 1st unofficial results for the Special General Election held January 11, 2022, the Honorable Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick was elected for Representative to Congress for the Twentieth Congressional District, State of Florida.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
Clerk.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
January 17, 2022.

Hon. CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
Clerk, House of Representatives,  
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MS. JOHNSON: Per your request, please find attached the scanned image of

the certificates signed by the respective canvassing boards for Broward and Palm Beach Counties showing the 1st unofficial results for the Special General Election held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 for Representative in Congress from the 20th Congressional District of Florida.

It would appear from the certificates of 1st unofficial results that Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick has received the most votes as follows:

Broward County, 32,854 of the 39,939 votes cast.

Palm Beach County, 11,840 of the 16,895 votes cast.

No recount was triggered. To the best of our knowledge and belief at this time, no contest has been filed in this election.

By law, the official returns from these counties are due no later than noon on January 23, 2022. Once received, the State Elections Canvassing Commission, will meet at 9 am on January 25, 2022, to certify the official returns as submitted by these two counties. As soon as the official results are certified, an official Certificate of Election will be prepared for transmittal as required by law.

Respectfully,

MARIA MATTHEWS, Esq.,  
Director, Division of Elections.

#### SWEARING IN OF THE HONORABLE SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, OF FLORIDA, AS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentlewoman from Florida, the Honorable SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, be permitted to take the oath of office today.

Her certificate of election has not arrived, but there is no contest and no question has been raised with regard to her election.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. Will the Representative-elect and the Members of the Florida delegation present themselves in the well.

All Members will rise and the Representative-elect will raise her right hand.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, as follows:

Do you solemnly swear that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations, you are now a Member of the 117th Congress.

#### WELCOMING THE HONORABLE SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Madam Speaker, as the dean of the Florida delegation, I have the honor of welcoming Representative SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK of Florida's 20th District to the United States House of Representatives.

Our new colleague will fill the seat of my late dear friend, Alcee Hastings. Now, similar to the district that I am honored to represent, Florida's 20th District is extremely diverse and covers urban and agricultural areas in both Palm Beach and Broward Counties.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK is the proud daughter of Haitian immigrants, and she was born in Brooklyn, New York.

Madam Speaker, after finishing college at Howard University, she moved to Florida to attend St. Thomas University School of Law.

Although she left Florida to become a project manager at the New York City Transit Authority, it wasn't long before Florida's sunshine brought her back to Florida. In 1999, she joined Trinity Health Care Services and eventually became the company's CEO.

Madam Speaker, this once single mother is the epitome of the American Dream and represents the aspiration of so many of our South Florida neighbors. I look forward, Madam Speaker, to working with our newest colleague on the issues of importance to our country and to South Florida. Florida's congressional delegation is honored to welcome Congresswoman CHERFILUS-McCORMICK to the United States House of Representatives.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK), who is our newest Member of Congress.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. DIAZ-BALART for those kinds words and introduction.

I would first like to thank my family: my husband, Corlie McCormick, my daughter, Ismanie McCormick, and son, Jackson McCormick, who are in the gallery.

I would like to thank my team and my family, and especially God, who has brought us this far.

I am a child of immigrant parents who risked their lives to come to the United States. I thank my colleagues who fought for me even before I was born here to ensure that immigrants can actually have a place in our country and can live the American Dream. So I thank Members in advance because that is how I got here.

I also want to thank the 20th District who fought with us and who believed in a new voice and is giving this little Haitian-American girl a chance to fight for our country.

I would like to say a special thank you for all the pastors who prayed. I pledge to work as hard as I can, tirelessly, to ensure that District 20 and the United States are getting their needs met. I pledge to work as hard as

I can with every Member who is present today as we move forward upholding the Constitution and the promises, all the promises that brought me here today.

For the other children who were told that it could never happen for them, we fight today, and we join hands today.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from Florida, the whole number of the House is 435.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL IMPACT AID FLEXIBILITY ACT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2959) to provide that, due to the disruptions caused by COVID-19, applications for impact aid funding for fiscal year 2023 may use certain data submitted in the fiscal year 2022 application, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. KELLY of Illinois). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 414, nays 6, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 10]

YEAS—414

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| Adams           | Bucshon     | Crenshaw        |
| Aderholt        | Burchett    | Crist           |
| Aguilar         | Burgess     | Crow            |
| Allen           | Bush        | Cuellar         |
| Allred          | Bustos      | Curtis          |
| Amodei          | Calvert     | Davids (KS)     |
| Armstrong       | Cammack     | Davidson        |
| Arrington       | Carbajal    | Davis, Danny K. |
| Auchincloss     | Cárdenas    | Davis, Rodney   |
| Axne            | Carey       | Dean            |
| Babin           | Carl        | DeFazio         |
| Bacon           | Carson      | DeGette         |
| Baird           | Carter (GA) | DeLauro         |
| Balderson       | Carter (LA) | DeBene          |
| Banks           | Carter (TX) | Delgado         |
| Barr            | Cartwright  | Demings         |
| Barragán        | Case        | DeSaulnier      |
| Bass            | Casten      | DesJarlais      |
| Beatty          | Castor (FL) | Deutch          |
| Bentz           | Castro (TX) | Diaz-Balart     |
| Bera            | Chabot      | Dingell         |
| Bergman         | Cheney      | Doggett         |
| Beyer           | Cherfilus-  | Donalds         |
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| Bilirakis       | Chu         | F.              |
| Bishop (GA)     | Cielline    | Duncan          |
| Bishop (NC)     | Clark (MA)  | Dunn            |
| Blumenauer      | Clarke (NY) | Ellzey          |
| Blunt Rochester | Cleaver     | Emmer           |
| Boebert         | Cline       | Escobar         |
| Bonamici        | Cloud       | Eshoo           |
| Bost            | Clyburn     | Españolat       |
| Bourdeaux       | Clyde       | Estes           |
| Bowman          | Cohen       | Evans           |
| Boyle, Brendan  | Cole        | Fallon          |
| F.              | Comer       | Feenstra        |
| Brady           | Connolly    | Ferguson        |
| Brooks          | Cooper      | Fischbach       |
| Brown (MD)      | Correa      | Fitzgerald      |
| Brown (OH)      | Costa       | Fitzpatrick     |
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| Scott           | Lesko           | Ruppersberger  |
| Fulcher         | Letlow          | Rush           |
| Gaetz           | Levin (CA)      | Ryan           |
| Gallagher       | Levin (MI)      | Salazar        |
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| Garbarino       | Long            | Scalise        |
| Garcia (CA)     | Loudermilk      | Scanlon        |
| Garcia (IL)     | Lowenthal       | Schakowsky     |
| Garcia (TX)     | Lucas           | Schiff         |
| Gibbs           | Luetkemeyer     | Schneider      |
| Gimenez         | Luria           | Schrader       |
| Gohmert         | Lynch           | Schrier        |
| Golden          | Mace            | Schweikert     |
| Gomez           | Malinowski      | Scott (VA)     |
| Gonzales, Tony  | Malliotakis     | Scott, Austin  |
| Gonzalez (OH)   | Maloney,        | Scott, David   |
| Gonzalez,       | Carolyn B.      | Sessions       |
| Vicente         | Maloney, Sean   | Sewell         |
| Good (VA)       | Mann            | Sherman        |
| Gooden (TX)     | Manning         | Sherrill       |
| Gosar           | Mast            | Simpson        |
| Gottheimer      | Matsui          | Sires          |
| Granger         | McBath          | Slotkin        |
| Graves (LA)     | McCarthy        | Smith (MO)     |
| Graves (MO)     | McCaul          | Smith (NE)     |
| Green (TN)      | McClain         | Smith (NJ)     |
| Green, Al (TX)  | McCollum        | Smith (WA)     |
| Griffith        | McEachin        | Smucker        |
| Grijalva        | McGovern        | Soto           |
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| Guest           | McKinley        | Spartz         |
| Guthrie         | McNerney        | Speier         |
| Hagedorn        | Meeks           | Stansbury      |
| Harder (CA)     | Meijer          | Stanton        |
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| Hill            | Moore (UT)      | Swalwell       |
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| Horsford        | Morelle         | Taylor         |
| Houlihan        | Moulton         | Tenney         |
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| Hudson          | Mullin          | Thompson (MS)  |
| Huffman         | Murphy (FL)     | Thompson (MA)  |
| Huizenga        | Murphy (NC)     | Thompson (PA)  |
| Issa            | Nader           | Tiffany        |
| Jackson         | Napolitano      | Timmons        |
| Jackson Lee     | Neal            | Titus          |
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| Jacobs (NY)     | Nehls           | Tonko          |
| Jayapal         | Newhouse        | Torres (CA)    |
| Jeffries        | Newman          | Torres (NY)    |
| Johnson (GA)    | Norcross        | Trahan         |
| Johnson (LA)    | O'Halleran      | Trone          |
| Johnson (OH)    | Obermole        | Turner         |
| Johnson (SD)    | Ocasio-Cortez   | Underwood      |
| Johnson (TX)    | Omar            | Upton          |
| Jones           | Owens           | Valadao        |
| Jordan          | Palazzo         | Van Drew       |
| Joyce (OH)      | Pallone         | Van Duyne      |
| Joyce (PA)      | Palmer          | Vargas         |
| Kahele          | Panetta         | Veasey         |
| Kaptur          | Pascrell        | Vela           |
| Katko           | Payne           | Velázquez      |
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| Keller          | Pelmutter       | Walberg        |
| Kelly (IL)      | Peters          | Walorski       |
| Kelly (MS)      | Pfingger        | Waltz          |
| Kelly (PA)      | Phillips        | Wasserman      |
| Khanna          | Pingree         | Schultz        |
| Kildee          | Pocan           | Waters         |
| Kilmer          | Porter          | Watson Coleman |
| Kim (CA)        | Posey           | Webster (FL)   |
| Kim (NJ)        | Pressley        | Welch          |
| Kind            | Price (NC)      | Wenstrup       |
| Kirkpatrick     | Quigley         | Westerman      |
| Krishnamoorthi  | Raskin          | Wexton         |
| Kuster          | Reed            | Wild           |
| Kustoff         | Reschenthaler   | Williams (GA)  |
| LaHood          | Rice (NY)       | Williams (TX)  |
| Lamb            | Rice (SC)       | Wilson (FL)    |
| Langevin        | Rodgers (WA)    | Wilson (SC)    |
| Larsen (WA)     | Rogers (AL)     | Wittman        |
| Larson (CT)     | Rogers (KY)     | Womack         |
| Latta           | Rose            | Young          |
| LaTurner        | Rosendale       | Zeldin         |
| Lawrence        |                 |                |

NAYS—6

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| Cawthorn    | Hice (GA) | Perry |
| Greene (GA) | Norman    | Roy   |

NOT VOTING—13

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| Biggs         | Kinzing    | Rutherford |
| Budd          | LaMalfa    | Weber (TX) |
| Butterfield   | Lamborn    | Yarmuth    |
| Hinson        | Massie     |            |
| Hollingsworth | McClintock |            |

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Messrs. JACKSON and GAETZ changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, in accordance with CDC guidelines and under the advice of the House Attending Physician, I was not able to be present on the House Floor for votes today, due to having tested positive for COVID-19. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 10 (S. 2959).

#### MEMBERS RECORDED PURSUANT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 8, 117TH CONGRESS

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| Baird (Walorski) | Hayes (Clark (MA))  | Payne (Pallone)  |
| Bass (Cicilline) | Jacobs (NY)         | Pingree          |
| Blumenauer       | (Katko)             | (Cicilline)      |
| (Beyer)          | Jayapal (Raskin)    | Pocan (Raskin)   |
| Boyle, Brendan   | Johnson (TX)        | Porter (Wexton)  |
| F. (Gallego)     | (Jeffries)          | Reed (Arrington) |
| Brownley         | Joyce (PA)          | Rogers (KY)      |
| (Kuster)         | (Smucker)           | (Reschenthaler)  |
| Bush (Bowman)    | Kildee (Panetta)    | Roybal-Allard    |
| Carey            | (Kilmer (Bera)      | (Levin (CA))     |
| (Balderson)      | Kirkpatrick         | Ruiz (Correa)    |
| Carter (LA)      | (Pallone)           | Ruppersberger    |
| (Jeffries)       | Lamb (Golden)       | (Raskin)         |
| Cawthorn         | Lawrence            | Rush (Kaptur)    |
| (McHenry)        | (Stevens)           | Ryan             |
| Chu (Clark (MA)) | Lawson (FL)         | (Perlmutter)     |
| Cohen (Beyer)    | (Soto)              | Schneider        |
| Costa (Correa)   | Lee (CA)            | (Connolly)       |
| Craig (Kuster)   | (Khanna)            | Schrier          |
| Crist (Soto)     | Letlow              | (Spanberger)     |
| Cuellar (Correa) | (Cammack)           | Scott, David     |
| DeFazio (Brown   | (Lofgren (Jeffries) | (Jeffries)       |
| (MD))            | Lowenthal           | Simpson          |
| DeGette (Blunt   | (Beyer)             | (Fleischmann)    |
| Rochester)       | Malinowski          | Sires (Pallone)  |
| DeSaulnier       | (Pallone)           | Stewart          |
| (Beyer)          | Maloney,            | (Crawford)       |
| Deutch (Rice     | Carolyn B.          | Strickland       |
| (NY))            | (Wasserman          | (Carbajal)       |
| Doggett (Raskin) | Schultz)            | Thompson (MS)    |
| Donalds          | Mann (Pfluger)      | (Brown (MD))     |
| (Cammack)        | McCollum (Blunt     | Timmons          |
| Doyle, Michael   | Rochester)          | (Armstrong)      |
| F. (Connolly)    | McEachin            | Titus (Connolly) |
| Evans (Mfume)    | (Wexton)            | Trone (Brown     |
| Fallon (Gooden)  | Meng (Kuster)       | (MD))            |
| Fortenberry      | Moore (UT)          | Vargas (Correa)  |
| (Bilirakis)      | (Meijer)            | Vela (Correa)    |
| Frankel, Lois    | Moore (WI)          | Velázquez (Clark |
| (Clark (MA))     | (Beyer)             | (MA))            |
| Gohmert (Weber   | Nadler (Pallone)    | Waters (Takano)  |
| (TX))            | Napolitano          | Watson Coleman   |
| Gonzalez,        | (Correa)            | (Pallone)        |
| Vicente          | O'Halleran          | Welch            |
| (Correa)         | (Schrader)          | (McGovern)       |
| Grijalva (Garcia | Ocasio-Cortez       | Wilson (FL)      |
| (IL))            | (Garcia (IL))       | (Cicilline)      |
| Hagedorn (Carl)  |                     |                  |

#### REMEMBERING CONGRESSWOMAN BARBARA ROSE-COLLINS

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor the legacy of the late



Congresswoman Barbara Rose-Collins, Michigan's first African-American Congresswoman. She was a trailblazer who inspired many women to seek public office.

Congresswoman Rose-Collins got her start in public service as a member of the Detroit public school board. She served as a Michigan State legislator and a Detroit City Council member before being elected to the United States Congress in 1990.

During her tenure in the U.S. Congress, Congresswoman Rose-Collins advocated for food and agriculture policies to assist communities with food insecurity.

She was a fierce defender of human rights in Detroit, across the country, and abroad. She dedicated her career to making our community stronger and our country better.

Please join me in recognition of Congresswoman Barbara Rose-Collins' many years of dedicated public service as we honor her memory.

#### HONORING JONATHAN MARQUESS

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Jonathan Marquess on his appointment as the Georgia Pharmacy Association vice president of the Academy of Independent Pharmacy.

A graduate of Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, Jonathan has enjoyed a distinguished career and is well deserving of this appointment.

He is currently the president and CEO of the Institute for Wellness and Education in Woodstock, Georgia, and owns many pharmacies across the State. In addition to owning and managing many pharmacies, Jonathan has served as president of the Georgia Pharmacy Association and vice president of professional and clinical affairs for the American Pharmacy Cooperative. Jonathan has served as the third, fourth, and fifth vice president for the National Community Pharmacists Association since 2017.

Jonathan has dedicated his career not only to bettering his patients but also working to improve the lives and practices of pharmacists nationwide as well.

His illustrious career of service makes him more than suited to fit this role, and we are excited to see what else he can accomplish.

#### REMEMBERING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, yesterday was the Federal holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, and I accepted the challenge of the Martin Luther King family, under the name of

Martin Luther King III, his oldest child: No celebration without legislation.

So I rise in the middle of the debate and debacle that is going on over an ill-fated and wrong policy of the filibuster and cloture to read the words of Dr. Martin Luther King that he issued on April 3, 1968, speaking about having been stabbed by a demented woman and saying that if he had only sneezed, he might not have been there even in 1968.

And so he says: "And I want to say tonight, I want to say that I am happy that I didn't sneeze. Because if I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been around here in 1960 when students all over the South started sitting in at lunch counters. And I knew that as they were sitting in, they were really standing up for the best in the American Dream and taking the whole Nation back to those great wells of democracy which were dug deep by the Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been around in 1962 when Negroes in Albany, Georgia, decided to straighten their backs up. And whenever men and women straighten their backs up, they are going somewhere because a man can't ride your back unless it is bent. If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been here in 1963 when the Black people of Birmingham, Alabama, aroused the conscience of this Nation."

Finally, I want to say that he wanted to make sure that his life was not in vain and that he would be recognized and remembered for the work that he had done.

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#### PRESIDENT BIDEN'S YEAR OF CRISES

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I saw a political crossword puzzle this week. It asked for a six-letter word to describe President Biden's first year in office. So I thought, divisive? No, that is eight letters. Weak? No, that is four letters.

But the word is crises, Madam Speaker. From the crisis raging at our southern border to the economic crisis affecting Arkansans, small businesses, and Americans across the Nation, the Biden administration has continually failed to address these challenges head-on.

The border crisis isn't a seasonal problem, as argued. It is the direct result of repealing the Trump-era border policies and replacing them with absolutely nothing until recently.

Federal Reserve Chair Powell says, inflation isn't transitory, Madam Speaker. It continues to rise to a 40-year high. Americans are paying more for just about everything from gas to groceries.

Under President Trump, we saw increasing real wages. Under President Biden, we are seeing real wages decline, meaning our pay is decreasing when accounting for inflation.

Democrats' solution? Continuing to push their constant tax-and-spending spree. We need leadership, Madam Speaker.

#### 5G SERVICES MUST BE DELAYED

(Mr. KAHELE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KAHELE. Madam Speaker, I rise to express the serious concern that our aviation community has regarding the rollout of 5G service. The Federal Aviation Administration has warned that potential 5G interference could affect sensitive airplane instruments, such as radar altimeters, which would significantly hamper low-visibility operations, and so we must delay the rollout of 5G at select airports until we can address all aviation safety concerns.

Pilots across America are flying in low-visibility conditions, from snow to sea fog to other zero-visibility conditions, and they need all the instruments and procedures at their disposal so that they can safely protect the lives of their passengers and crew.

We cannot and must not compromise on safety. It will be safe to fly when pilots say it is safe to fly. The United States has the safest air transportation system in the world, and we must continue to safeguard this system.

I am thankful that wireless carriers have decided to delay the implementation at key airports, but that does not go far enough. The FAA needs to ensure that 5G services will not be implemented at any of the 50 airport locations that have been identified as vulnerable until safety can be ensured.

#### TAYLORSVILLE TIMES' 100TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, recently the Taylorsville Times, a historic newspaper in North Carolina's Fifth District, celebrated its 100th anniversary.

I cannot overstate how much of an institution this newspaper is within the community. A century of production is a testament to the value that this newspaper creates for its dedicated readers. Like clockwork, it continues to carry on in the Alexander County community.

Congratulations to Lee Sharpe, the publisher of the Taylorsville Times, and his family for achieving this tremendous accomplishment. Thanks to the diligence and hard work of Lee and his family, the citizens of Alexander County continue to have access to an invaluable resource.

Here is to another prosperous 100 years of service.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF JOHN RICE IRWIN

(Mr. BURCHETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of John Rice Irwin, a renowned historian and the founder of east Tennessee's Museum of Appalachia. He recently passed away at 91 years of age.

John joined the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany during the Korean war. When he returned to east Tennessee, he began a career in education and became Anderson County Schools' youngest superintendent at the age of 31.

It was around this time John started collecting old-timey Appalachian items. John was fascinated by east Tennessee's rich cultural history, and he traveled around the region to collect artifacts and document stories of how the people lived long ago. He even bought a historic cabin and restored it to what it would have looked like when it was first built.

Madam Speaker, that little cabin became the Museum of Appalachia, which opened in 1969 and received around 600 visitors during its first year. John kept expanding the museum, and now it covers 65 acres, contains over 250,000 historical artifacts, and welcomes tens of thousands of guests each year. Anyone who visits the museum will recognize John's passion for the Appalachian heritage.

Former Tennessee Senator Lamar Alexander displayed loaned artifacts from John's museum in his Washington office until his retirement in 2020. These same artifacts are now on display in my Washington office, and I am reminded of John's incredible work each time I walk through the front door.

Rest in peace, brother. Thank you for telling the stories of our historic Appalachian community.

#### MILWAUKEE'S MURDER RATE

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As a child, I was always so proud of Milwaukee. You would look at the crime records or the crime numbers in the biggest cities around the country, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, along with San Diego, year after year had the lowest murder rate in the country.

It is, therefore, very disappointing to find out that at the end of last year Milwaukee, one more time, set their all-time record for murders, at 197. This is caused, I think, in no small part by politicians who scream racism and cause disrespect for the Milwaukee Po-

lice Department, and, therefore, the Milwaukee Police Department has to back off and not be aggressive, as Milwaukee continues to become more and more dangerous.

I can only hope in the future that politicians looking to make cheap points do not further denigrate the Milwaukee police and do not further cause Milwaukee to hit another record this year in total murders.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. NEWMAN). The Chair would clarify the earlier announcement. Pursuant to clause 5(d) of rule XX, the whole number of the House is 434.

#### 52 WEEKS OF BROKEN PROMISES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, today, at least on one question, Americans are more united than ever before. This week, as we mark the 1-year mark of the Biden Presidency, the vast majority of the American people agree that the Biden Presidency has been a failure.

After 1 year in office, President Biden's approval rating is the lowest ever recorded after the first year in office of any President in American history.

Why is no mystery. By every measure, Americans are worse off today than when Biden took office. Inflation, crime, the debt, the border, Afghanistan, a never-ending pandemic, Americans have endured humiliation abroad and division at home, and all of these disasters are man-made.

Everyone knows why inflation is at a 40-year high. Everyone knows why Americans' wages have been cut by 3 percent or more. Democrats spent trillions and then passed the largest Federal budget in history.

How, in less than a year, did we go from energy independence to begging Saudi Arabia for oil? Well, maybe it has something to do with the President banning new natural gas production in the United States.

You see, the media wants to make things complicated. They want you to believe that no one really knows why you are paying close to \$4 per gallon at the pump. They want to separate the consequences of the last year from its cause. But don't be fooled, Madam Speaker.

There is a border crisis because the Biden administration stopped building the wall, cut deportations by 90 percent, and reversed every single one of President Trump's successful border enforcement measures.

Fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18 to 45 be-

cause it, too, is pouring across a wide-open southern border. It is that simple.

Crime immediately shot up after Democrats' antipolice riots, because of Democrats' antipolice riots.

There are still hundreds of Americans stranded in Afghanistan because the Biden administration didn't prioritize its own citizens for evacuation.

President Biden's COVID policies do not work. That is why COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths all rose during the Biden Presidency. Americans endured mandatory vaccinations, pointless mask mandates, endless school closures, and never-ending Dr. Fauci interviews. And it was all for nothing.

Americans can see what is in front of them. That is why they have rejected this administration. The proof is in the pudding, and the pudding is stale.

The question is, can Americans endure 3 more years just like the last one? I believe that they can, but they shouldn't have to. That is why the Republican Study Committee is here tonight. We will hold the Biden administration accountable every step of the way. We will make sure that the past year of crises and catastrophes never repeats itself.

Madam Speaker, tonight, I will yield to a number of my colleagues, like the next speaker. The gentlewoman from the great State of Indiana (Mrs. WALORSKI) is going to share some thoughts with us.

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, the American people have faced 52 weeks of broken promises.

The President who promised to unite the American people instead has pitted citizens against one another.

The President who promised to work with Americans across the political spectrum has prioritized a radical agenda that caters only to the extreme wing of his party.

The President who promised to protect the American people has left us vulnerable at the southern border and across the world.

The President who promised to build back better has only hindered America's economic recovery.

For a year, we have witnessed failure after failure. The American people have paid the price. Day after day, Hoosiers and Americans across the country experience the real ramifications of the Biden administration's policy agenda.

With inflation at a 40-year high, we are paying the price of the President's reckless spending during every trip to the grocery store and the gas station.

Despite spending trillions of dollars on the President's so-called rescue plan, we are facing escalating supply chain bottlenecks and workforce shortages with no end in sight.

Thanks to the Biden administration's open border policy, every town across America is a border town. As illicit drugs pour across the open southern border, including a 1,000 percent increase of fentanyl last year, every neighborhood is at risk.

While Democrats work to defund the police, Americans are facing dangerous crime surges in cities all across the country.

In the end, it all comes down to control. If you don't want to get the vaccine, you are fired. If you dare to ask what your children are learning in school, you are labeled a domestic terrorist.

This is America under 52 weeks of Joe Biden's leadership. The American people deserve better.

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Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from the great State of Indiana for her comments. I know she and I both agree that Hoosiers are sick and tired of this leadership, or lack thereof, that we have seen from President Biden over the last year.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX), the ranking member of the House Education and Labor Committee and a great mentor and colleague.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Indiana for holding this Special Order tonight and calling attention to the problems of the past year.

I could use many words to describe President Biden's first full year in office, but the one that comes to mind immediately is incompetence.

There is a blueprint for the economic and societal ruin that has stabbed America in its back for a year. This administration is the architect of that blueprint.

Inflation has skyrocketed to its highest level in 40 years.

Job creators have faced innumerable setbacks that have threatened their livelihoods.

The ever-growing Federal bureaucracy has metastasized like a cancer.

Parents have been targeted by the FBI and DOJ in what can only be described as a wave of new-age McCarthyism that has been spun by this administration.

The southern border has all but collapsed due to gross mismanagement.

The list goes on and on.

Simply put, the policies and actions of this administration mirror the agenda of political arsonists.

No matter how ambitious or forward-thinking the Biden administration tries to bill itself as, it cannot shake the stench of incompetence that surrounds every initiative it heads up.

Socialism is no longer an ominous shadow on the horizon. This administration has brought it to our doorstep.

This great country must be saved from the ruin that this administration has created.

Republicans will be the ones to save it.

Republicans will be the ones to safeguard the values and freedoms that have always defined America.

Republicans will be the ones to turn this country around and deliver for the American people.

When we retake the House of Representatives and the Senate this year, that is precisely what we will do.

Americans demand it, and we will act.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, from Indiana to North Carolina to Kansas and beyond, the American people are feeling the effects of this disastrous administration.

I yield to the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. ESTES), my colleague and my friend, a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee, and a leader in the Republican Study Committee.

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, this week we look back over a year of failures; from the economy and crime to foreign policy and national security. There is not one area where a year of total Democrat control shouldn't receive an F.

It is hard to believe it was only a year ago this Thursday that President Biden swore to uphold the Constitution just outside the building from where we stand today.

Despite assuring the American people that he sought to unify the country, Biden's first hours in office were marked by divisive and controversial executive orders.

Biden's incompetent economic policies destroyed our chance at a strong economic recovery and harmed hard-working families and small businesses.

A year later, Americans are paying about 50 percent more each time they fill up their tank. That is after President Biden canceled the Keystone XL pipeline, halted new oil and gas leasing on Federal land, and proposed burdensome taxes and regulations on small energy producers. These policies all matter. They impact real people.

That is why tonight I wanted to share some insight and experiences from folks in Kansas after a year of President Biden holding office.

Nick, a new father in Derby, has certainly noticed the increase in fuel. He just had a baby last year and started a new job. Paying more at the pump means that he has less for his newborn's needs, and as every new parent knows, diapers aren't cheap.

But that is not the only thing Kansans are paying more for.

The Biden administration has directly caused rising prices by flooding the economy with their Big Government spending. The prices of many other everyday goods like beef, bacon, eggs, chicken, and coffee.

That is a lot for any American, but it is especially noticeable for Nancy, a grandmother on a fixed income. She shared that each time she goes to the grocery store she notices her grocery bill keeps going up.

That is not to mention bare shelves and out-of-stock items that many Kansans have experienced when they go shopping.

Beyond the economy, we have witnessed the failure to keep our country safe from illicit drugs flowing into our country at the southern border.

Executive orders have halted the production of a barrier at our southern border, and open border policies have allowed drugs and trafficking to become commonplace. Every State is now a border State, as fentanyl makes its way to communities in Kansas and across the country.

CBP reports that more pounds of fentanyl were seized at the southern border than in the previous 2 years combined.

In a recent survey, a majority of Kansans from my district told me the issues of most importance to them are the economy, rising prices, immigration, and our Federal deficit.

It is time for Congress and the President to start addressing these core concerns. Americans cannot afford another year of radical socialist policies with this administration.

I thank my good friend from Indiana for hosting this Special Order.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. ESTES for his comments.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. MOORE), one of our leaders in Congress on the Republican side fighting for veterans every day on the Veterans' Affairs Committee, and my colleague and friend.

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 1-year anniversary of the Biden administration. And what a year it has been.

The crisis raging across our Nation because of the incompetency of this administration threaten the lives and livelihoods of countless Americans.

On his first day in office, President Biden gave a taste of what was to come by spitefully eliminating President Trump's border policies and stopping the wall, fueling a border crisis that we have not seen in a generation.

The drug and human trafficking that we have seen at our porous border reaches every community in our Nation. Untold numbers of American families who have lost loved ones to drugs and violence, those families will be broken forever.

But instead of coming after criminals, Biden's Justice Department has focused its crosshairs on engaged parents—moms and dads—and labeling them just because they had concerns about CRT or maybe mask mandates, they are labeled as domestic terrorists and now are charged with hate crimes.

Our economy is in shambles. The Biden jobs deficit, the difference between jobs created and those he promised to create as part of his so-called stimulus from March, has swelled to 1.11 million.

Historic inflation has surged to the highest level in four decades. Gas and energy prices are at the highest they have been since the Obama-Biden administration.

The supply chain crisis has brought any economic recovery to a standstill. Have you been to the grocery store lately? Retailers are facing a 12 percent out-of-stock level on many household

staples. Empty shelves are the new norm.

And let's not forget the pandemic. President Biden centered his campaign on having a solution for the virus. It is clear now that like every other crisis we face, Biden has no plan.

By resorting to harmful and unconstitutional mandates and shutdowns, President Biden is threatening the very liberty that is the foundation of this great American experiment.

And then there is Afghanistan, an issue that is very personal to me. What the Biden administration allowed to happen there, leaving so many Americans and allies behind to the Taliban is a historic tragedy.

But does Joe Biden seek unity? No. He resorts to smearing over half the American people who disagree with his radical agenda.

But that is how this leadership of the Democratic Party in Washington thinks. They believe that the country is theirs to govern as they wish, to force their will on you and me.

Well, we have had 1 year of Democratic Party control; and in only 1 year, the Democratic Party has tried to take our country from us. I say it is time we take it back.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, as President Biden continues to fail the American people in so many ways and his poor leadership has created crisis after crisis after crisis, I can't think of anywhere in the country that shows us just the opposite type of leadership than the free and open State of Florida.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CAMMACK), one of Florida's great leaders, a freshman leader in the Republican Study Committee, my colleague and friend.

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from the great State of Indiana for yielding, and I am still holding out for my honorary Hoosier title.

Madam Speaker, this week we mark 1 year since Joe Biden was sworn in as President and Commander in Chief of the United States. Now, there are 525,600 minutes in a whole year, and somehow Biden has used every single one of those minutes to diminish and destroy the strength of the American economy, its workers, and our national security. During the first year of the Biden Presidency, America has faced more COVID deaths than in the prior year, a disastrous exit from Afghanistan of which we are still getting Americans out, a 40-year high inflation rate, and so much more.

Now, this country has spent the last year staring down a border crisis that has gone unmanaged and a pandemic that has gone unabated. In 2021 alone, there were over 1.7 million border encounters. Keep in mind, the comparison of 500,000 or less the year prior. Now, while our brave border agents were left underresourced and unsupported, this administration first at-

tempted to ignore the crisis then sought to downplay the consequences. The so-called border czar, Vice President HARRIS, refused to visit the border and see this crisis firsthand. This amounted to criminal negligence, and Americans won't soon forget the role that Biden and his administration played in dramatically weakening America's national security.

Now, as millions of illegal immigrants poured over our southwest border, COVID continued to sweep through the United States. The Biden administration was caught flatfooted, once again, on testing capacity nationwide and distribution of critical lifesaving therapeutic treatments. In my home State of Florida, we had a fantastic monoclonal antibody treatment program going, and the Federal Government stepped in and stopped it. Why? Because they are threatened by the freedom. They are threatened by the success. Over 440,000 Americans have lost their lives to COVID-19 under the Biden administration. That is more than when the pandemic began and the entire year of 2020.

Further, images of high gas prices at the pump and empty shelves at the supermarket define the first year of the Biden Presidency. As our Nation has grappled with a global pandemic, this administration has stood on the sidelines while Americans have struggled to get basic necessities. Every sector of the American economy has been hurt by supply chain issues caused in part by abusive Chinese trade practices and, also, weak administrative leadership.

On top of these mounting challenges, the Biden administration has put the entirety of their political capital behind over \$6 trillion worth of so-called social justice spending bills meant to prop up failing government programs and a liberal wish list of items. The economic devastation from so much uncontrolled spending has already been felt in historic levels of inflation and will certainly be burdening generations of Americans to come.

This administration's first year in office has been a disaster from top to bottom. Instead of working to change positively, Biden has worked to change our country into a population of dependents because that is, at the end of the day, what this administration is about: Dependency and control.

We can take our country back, and we will. To Americans hurting in the first 52 weeks of this administration, remember, November is coming.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Florida for her comments.

I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN), one of the greatest voices of common sense in the entire Congress, a senior Republican leader on the House Education and Labor Committee, my colleague, and friend.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, as has just been said, I think the first year of this administration has been

about as disastrous as it could possibly be.

I will focus on the COVID pandemic. Over 300,000 people had died when President Biden took office, nevertheless, things in a way were looking up. Donald Trump had been given a combination of monoclonal antibodies and several other things in a cocktail in which he was cured just a few months before President Biden took office.

One would have thought all one had to do was follow down the path of treatment that Donald Trump received and it would be the end of the pandemic. Instead, we are over a year after him taking office, and at least in Wisconsin we don't have enough monoclonal antibodies to deal with the people who are sick today.

Even though ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine have also shown promise, the CDC and NIH under President Biden have not shown a leadership role and encouraged more doctors to use them. Vitamin D can do a tremendous job in reducing the number of people who succumb to this disease, but again, a complete lack of leadership out of Washington, some people feel a complete lack of leadership because there is not enough money to be made in Vitamin D by the drug companies.

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We recently had calcifediol imported into this country from other countries, and it has not been anywhere near publicized as it should be. It is time for President Biden to step up, to make sure monoclonal antibodies are available to everybody and put an end to the pandemic. I have had my own staffer use monoclonal antibodies, and it turned him around from being quite ill within 24 hours just fine.

Madam Speaker, it is time to look at things other than just making money for the drug companies. It is time to solve this problem.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. FITZGERALD), my colleague and a freshman Member of the House.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Madam Speaker, as we are hearing from many of my colleagues tonight, there is no shortage of policy failures to reflect on as we approach President Biden's 1-year anniversary. But the one that is still beyond belief and a complete disaster is the cancellation of the Keystone pipeline project.

On day one, just hours after being sworn into office, the President halted construction of the pipeline, bringing down thousands of good jobs, many of them in my home State of Wisconsin and many of them in my district. This decision undermined our country's energy independence and destroyed a safe and efficient route to transport oil.

Oh, and now Russia is flush with cash as they market their oil around the entire globe. That is right. Killing the Keystone project didn't just stop the transportation of oil; it completely

reconfigured the way that this works globally.

Listen, while President Biden continues to ignore the negative implications of his agenda, my Republican colleagues and I have been on the forefront proposing solutions—in this case, the Keystone XL Pipeline Construction and Jobs Preservation Act.

Madam Speaker, after seeing the disaster that President Biden left in his wake after only 1 year, I can only fear what will come in the next 3 years.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. GARCÍA), a fellow veteran and friend.

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman and shipmate from Indiana for this evening's Special Order.

Madam Speaker, we the people really aren't asking much of our elected officials. Above all things, we just want them to do what is right for our country and be on the side of Americans. This isn't a party thing. This isn't a Republican versus Democrat thing. Regardless of party affiliation, we just want them to do what is right for the country.

The current Presidential administration and its policies have failed us in this regard and in a frighteningly short period of time. In just 1 year, this administration and its policies have eroded America's status as the lone, premier superpower; eroded our energy independence, making us once again beholden to OPEC, literally begging Middle Eastern nations to provide us with more oil; eroded an economy that was thriving before COVID and beginning to recover in the midst of COVID, and now, we are experiencing inflation that we haven't seen in 40 years; eroded our Nation's security, tucking tail against a group of savages and terrorists in Afghanistan after 20 years of fighting for the right reasons.

After almost 2 years of no American deaths in Afghanistan and relative stability in a country that was formerly a breeding ground for terrorists, this administration set an arbitrary exit date and backed that date up with absolutely no plan. This admin stranded hundreds of Americans in Afghanistan and left our allies high and dry. The ad hoc and sloppy withdrawal led to the death of these 13 precious American servicemembers—absolutely avoidable and absolutely the fault of this administration.

We are really not asking for much from our elected officials. We the people just want this administration to stop giving hope to the bad guys and to start taking care of our Nation, our workers, our jobs, the small business owners, our children and their education, and to allow parents the right to understand what our children are being taught in school, the right to make school choices for our children.

We are asking that the administration stop calling parents terrorists and start preventing actual terrorists from infiltrating our country. We are asking

for secure borders, so we don't see 175,000 human beings come across our border and into our Nation each month without any accountability.

If you care about the Dreamers, if you care about the potential DACA recipients, like many of us do, then you must first end this man-made border crisis.

We are really not asking for much. We just want someone to stand up and fight against this ridiculous defund the police movement and make our streets safe again.

We don't want the cost of goods and supply chain issues to overcome our income. We are asking simply that we fairly value the time, the skills, and the experience of our workers so that when they work harder and provide quality service, they make more money and keep more money. We don't want higher taxes only to see the government at all levels squander our hard-earned money.

Madam Speaker, above all things, we just want the President to be on our side and to have the backbone to stand up for the good guys. We are not asking for much. We just want this administration to stop giving hope to the bad guys.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, thanks to our next speaker, I have been to the border in Arizona and Texas, both during President Trump's Presidency and now during President Biden's Presidency. What our next speaker has taught me along the way is the night-and-day difference. The border was under control under President Trump; it is wide open under President Biden.

What I have learned and what I have stressed more than ever before is that what is going on at the border impacts my district in northeast Indiana every single day.

Our next speaker is the co-chair of the Border Security Caucus. No one does more in Congress to highlight these issues and work toward protecting and securing our border than Dr. BRIAN BABIN.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN).

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I really appreciate the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS), the chairman of the Republican Study Committee. I thank him so much for having this very important Special Order.

Madam Speaker, this week marks 1 year since Joe Biden became President, and what a lawless year this has been. Never in my entire life would I have dreamed that we would have a President who prioritizes criminals and illegal aliens over law-abiding American citizens. But here we are.

The reckless policies coming out of this White House and the Democratic Party as a whole have put you and your families in grave danger.

It is not hard to see where the left's demonization of law enforcement and the decision to gut police department funding has gotten us. Thanks to the Democrats, we are now in the midst of

a crime wave with record-high homicide rates in more than a dozen major cities across this great country of ours. The city of Chicago alone saw at least 800 homicides in 2021, a number that we haven't seen in decades. Bad policies lead to bad consequences. And folks, we are living these in technicolor.

More than 100 of our brave police officers were shot in ambush-style attacks last year. Meanwhile, we have seen violent criminals released into our neighborhoods to commit more violent crimes.

It is happening in my own district in Houston, Texas, in the 36th Congressional District, which had its deadliest year in nearly 40 years. In Harris County, 113 criminals were granted bond after capital murder charges in 2021. Yes, you heard that right: capital murder charges.

Numerous Harris County citizens have been murdered by repeat criminals out on bail, murders which, tragically, could have been avoided. Innocent Americans are being hurt and killed by this foolhardy Democrat policy. But accountability starts at the top. Will this crime wave be just another crisis to go unresolved in 2022, or will this President and his party come back to reality and work with us to stop it?

America is watching.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, when I became the chairman of the Republican Study Committee, which is not just the largest conservative caucus in Congress but the largest caucus overall in the entire United States Capitol, I had to choose someone to lead the Republican Study Committees' Budget and Spending Task Force.

For almost 50 years, this task force and the Republican Study Committee has put forth a fiscally responsible balanced budget in the Congress to lead the way toward fiscal responsibility. And no one has done a better job of that in my time in Congress than KEVIN HERN, a small business owner from the great State of Oklahoma. He has chaired and run this effort well.

Over the last year, we put out a budget that we showed to the Congress. We could balance the budget in 6 years. That is in stark contrast to what the Democrats and President Biden have done to put forth the largest budget that this country has ever seen.

I don't just appreciate the leadership of Representative HERN; I am proud of the effort he put forward.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. HERN).

Mr. HERN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Indiana for the opportunity to speak to everyone tonight.

Madam Speaker, this week marks a historic milestone, the 1-year anniversary of the Biden Presidency. There is a date in January that 1 year ago has affected all Americans, and that was the election of Joe Biden to the Presidency, his taking office.

Looking back at the previous 12 months, several words come to mind:

failure, confusion, disarray, pain, dishonesty.

I am sure that many of my colleagues will touch on these and many other themes relevant to what has unfolded at the White House since its latest occupant took office some 11 months ago. However, I want to focus on one word that has defined the Biden administration this year, and that is "inflation."

Every single month since Biden took office, inflation has risen higher. In the past 11 months, inflation has reached its highest level in 40 years.

Most of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle have never experienced this type of inflation. The last time it was this bad, "E.T." was showing in theaters. Jimmy Carter, the man largely responsible for those hardships, was a one-term President for this very reason.

Thanks to the Biden job-killing policies, taxpayers are paying the price. Our economic recovery is stagnant. Our small businesses are being crushed out of existence. December brought us to a 7 percent increase in inflation over the previous year, a number that American families are feeling every single day in their pocketbooks.

While inflation is up 7 percent, wages have only risen 4.7 percent, meaning that real wages are actually negative, not positive. Americans are paying a whopping \$3,500 more for basic necessities than they were last year. For all the back-patting Biden has done for the dismal number of jobs created under his administration, we are still over 4 million jobs short of prepandemic levels.

This is the Biden economy. Polling proves that inflation is the top-of-mind issue for the vast majority of Americans. So you would think that this administration would be doing everything in their power to alleviate that burden. Instead, they are focused on flushing the markets with even more unchecked spending. When will it end?

The President's dismal approval rating isn't a result of his standing with Republican voters, who haven't liked him from the start. Rather, Democrat and independent voters across the country are voicing their strong displeasure with how poorly our country has been run this past year.

We know what works, and we know what doesn't. What the President is doing is only exacerbating the problem, something just about everyone outside of D.C. knows.

The White House must stop the spending spree, stop imposing unconstitutional mandates, and stop pushing radical legislation. The best thing this President could do right now is just get out of the way.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague from Oklahoma again for his leadership and the important words that he had to share with us tonight.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CARL), a new member of the House Committee

on Armed Services who is playing an outsized role on the Committee on Armed Services as we work hard to support our troops who need our support more than ever before.

Mr. CARL. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS), my colleague, for organizing this Special Order.

Madam Speaker, when my father was a child, he sold newspapers on the streets in Oklahoma City. He was 6, 7, and 8 years old. He would tell me stories that they would show up every morning and fight over the best corners because they knew they could sell the most newspapers. That was when we were in the middle of a depression.

We are not in a depression today—yet. But yet, we still have fighting over those same corners.

Today, instead of fighting over the sale of newspapers, they are fighting over the sale of drugs, and these are illegal drugs that are coming across our border.

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Most people don't realize how potent fentanyl is. Let me give you an example. One grain, one single grain of fentanyl can kill a grown man. You can take two packs of sweetener that you sweeten your drink with; that is enough to kill every member of Congress, House and Senate, to give you some idea of how potent these drugs are. Could you imagine a 50-pound backpack of it coming across our open borders?

My personal observation is these intercity killings are primarily against minority communities. Where is the outrage for these children which are our responsibility? They are our responsibility, not another person's responsibility. Our communities are being flooded with illegal drugs being brought in from the left and the right, across our southern borders. My Democrat colleagues remain silent.

Madam Speaker, I truly believe President Biden cares about the lives that are being lost due to illegal drugs and the violence that is being claimed due to these illegal drugs. But where is he? Why is the President not being the leader that he was elected to be? We need a President that is a leader and that will step out there.

We have had a full year to address this simple issue. This simple issue is the illegal drugs. No one seems to be paying attention. I promise you it affects every family. Every family in America that has a family member or friend that has been affected by this fentanyl needs to hear this because we can stop it. We can do it.

This is an American issue that all communities should be in an uproar about. There are simple, commonsense solutions to fix this problem. I am asking, no, I am begging President Biden to sit down at the table and work across the aisle. Let's secure our southern border and stop the flow of these illegal drugs into our community that are killing, killing our kids.

Let's build a wall now instead of stopping the wall. Let's build a wall now and finally put safety and security back into America. First and foremost, our responsibility is the safety of the citizens of this country.

Mr. President, please hear my plea. Now is the time to take action. We need an American leader.

Mr. BANKS. I thank the gentleman from Alabama, Mr. CARL. It is such a powerful statement as we think about the drugs that are flooding over the border, that are impacting communities, destroying families.

The lack of attention by this administration to do anything about it is appalling to the American people. As they see what is going on at the border, they know the border is wide open. They know that this President is responsible for the lack of leadership to secure the border that has allowed drugs to flow into communities and affect and destroy so many families across this country.

Enough is enough. We call on the President. We ask President Biden to step up to the plate and address this issue so that more families aren't ruined, and more communities aren't destroyed because of the amount of drugs and the drug epidemic that is affecting our country.

Again, I said in my opening statement fentanyl is now the leading cause of death for Americans aged 18 to 45. Why isn't the President paying attention to that statistic and doing anything about it to address it?

Madam Speaker, next, I yield to a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, someone who I know has a heart for our veterans, someone who has served under four Presidents since he has been in Congress. His perspective is powerful.

I yield to the gentleman from South Carolina, (Mr. WILSON), my colleague, mentor, and friend.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. As we reach the one-year anniversary of President Biden in office, I borrow from the great Ronald Reagan and his extraordinary question during the 1980 Presidential debate and ask: Are you better off today than you were a year ago? The obvious and sad answer of thinking Americans is no.

Since President Biden took office January 20, American families have suffered under a one-party Democrat rule, destroying jobs. The continued taxing and spending policies of Biden and Democrats have caused inflation. This situation is getting worse and will challenge our children's future, while threatening the savings of retirees.

Bidenflation has hit the highest rate in 40 years, and the astronomical price increases that come with that affect all of our pocketbooks. A few examples include, gas is up 56 percent higher than over a year ago. Propane, kerosene, and firewood are up 40 percent. Beef and bacon are up 19 percent. Chicken is up 10 percent.

Compounding this damaging effect, most workers have not received wages



that keep up with inflation, according to *The New York Times*. Families have actually lost possibly \$5,000 in just one year. Also, the December Jobs Report came in at less than half where economists projected.

Since President Biden took office, he has failed to protect our southern border. Over 1.7 million illegal aliens have invaded, benefiting the drug cartels and benefiting the horror of promoting human trafficking.

Energy independence has been replaced by energy dependence, resulting in skyrocketing costs. President Biden's policies worldwide have been disastrous. A feeble response to Putin is putting Ukrainian families at risk of mass murder with already 14,000 people killed; bowing to China as it continues the genocide of weaker Muslims; capitulating to Iran as it shouts death to America, death to Israel; appeasement of Afghanistan leading directly to thirteen American heroes murdered; leaving Americans behind and establishing Afghanistan as a safe haven to attack American families with suicide bombers, as we saw claimed this week-end at the Texas synagogue.

American families have never been at greater risk of attack than they are today in American history. The Democrat elite think they are smarter than everyone, and they think Democrat voters and Democrat media are ignorant to believe \$5 trillion in spending costs zero. That is a direct quote from the President.

So I ask the rhetorical and famous question again. Are you better off today than you were a year ago?

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, last but not least, I yield to the gentleman from the great state of Texas, (Mr. ARRINGTON), my friend, someone who fights so hard for freedom, for families.

Mr. ARRINGTON. I thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS), my friend and colleague from the Hoosier State.

Looking back over the last year under the leadership of this President and single-party rule, for a guy who wants my team to win, my team is not the Republican Party, Madam Speaker. It is the great United States of America. It is my children, quite frankly. Personally, it is my children who I want to inherit the blessings of liberty and opportunity in this great country.

That is our greatest calling, to hand this country back better than we found it, take on the challenges that face our country, work together to solve the problems, and make this a better, stronger, safer, more prosperous, more free Nation for the next generation. That has not happened, not even close, not even close.

I am disappointed to say that this President and his colleagues in the Democratic Party have absolutely failed our country. I didn't say they were bad people. In fact, there are many of them I would call friend and proudly. As a team elected by the American people to do the job I out-

lined, they have failed miserably. As we say in west Texas on Saturday morning after Friday night lights, when we are looking at the film, the eye in the sky doesn't lie. If you look at the footage, you watch the film, you can't help but see one self-inflicted disaster after another.

Madam Speaker, let's start with the tone and the promise to unify this country and its leaders, to usher into this Chamber and to politics and political rhetoric civility and unity. That is a big F.

This President, I would say, took more unilateral actions and, along with his Democrat leaders in Congress, have jammed through more partisan bills than they have worked together to address the issues facing this country. We are more divided today than we were.

If our Speaker, Ms. PELOSI, would actually focus on the things that would be required to prevent another riot on this Capitol, then you would have the Capitol Police and the Inspector General of the Capitol Police saying, we are better prepared than we were a year ago. We are actually less prepared today because there has been so much hyper-partisanship and so much political weaponization and theater than there has actually been real governing of our great country. So there is the tone which is failure.

The most important job of the Federal Government is to provide for a common defense. It is the safety and security of the American people. I know you have heard Chairman BANKS. I am sure the remarks today have been replete with the debacle in Afghanistan and the sadness with which all Americans watched that. At the same time that they watched this needless, senseless incompetence, they saw America's credibility slip quickly, not only with our enemies but with our allies. I don't know if there was ever a time that the American troops packed up and left with Americans, our fellow citizens, crying out because we left them behind.

There is a litany of problems with what happened in Afghanistan. This President is ultimately responsible. He didn't listen to his advisors. People died. Our troops, we spent 20 years and trillions of dollars, we lost the lives of our sons and daughters in uniform to the tune of roughly 2,400. What do we have to show for it besides that embarrassment of a withdrawal?

I live in Texas. We are at ground zero with respect to the chaos at the border and the record number of people and crime activity and drugs that are powering into our country. This President has been derelict in fulfilling his sacred duty to uphold the law, plain and simple.

Worse, working with his Democrat colleagues in this Chamber, they have poured fuel on the fire that is burning out of control at the border by saying we will give you more carrots. We will create more incentives. We will turn

the volume up so that people will come in by the millions with the offer of repatriation, with the offer of citizenship, mass amnesty, the ability to vote in our elections.

You can't make this up, but this border crisis is real. The American people who live along the border feel like this President and their government has given up on them and has failed them. I would agree.

With respect to the economy, I know we had a tough job for all Americans and all leaders for both parties to get us up and out of the recession related to the pandemic. For this President and my Democrat colleagues, to put policies in place that incentivize people to stay at home rather than to go back to work, I am talking about enhanced unemployment policies. I am talking about welfare expansion without work requirements, actually a repeal of work requirements. To put massive amounts of government spending into the marketplace, it is no wonder that we are seeing runaway inflation in every corner of our marketplace and in every good and every service that our working Americans depend on.

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The majority of Americans who live paycheck to paycheck have lost almost \$400 a month on account of the real wage decrease because of inflation, self-inflicted, one after another, and the state of the Union is more fragile now than ever. It is less hopeful than it was 1 year ago.

I don't see any posture of change or relenting on the horizon from this President, even with these startling statistics and facts that are laid out plainly for everybody to see. I am not bashful to give blame or credit to either side when it is due, but this is a one-party rule. We haven't even talked about the crime spree, we haven't talked about the promises made and broken with respect to COVID, the authoritarian mandates in one breath and action and in another breath saying that we are going to work together and defer to States, this isn't a Federal solution. I am confused. I am concerned.

I have got to say 1 year in review is bleak and dismal. I don't say that with partisan glee, I say it with tremendous sadness and with profound grief over the opportunities lost in a backslidden country where we can do so much better. We have done better together. Republicans don't have all the answers. I don't have all the answers. But this has not been the great, strong, and constructive leadership that our Nation has seen in the past from, quite frankly, from both parties.

So I hope and pray, Madam Speaker, that this President will hear not my voice but the voices of the American people, the voices who cried out from the will of the people in Virginia where the We the People wave has begun, and that we will make changes, and that he will focus on the real needs; he will stop placating the left, which seems to



be the MO and has been for the last year, and start focusing on the priorities that are important to the American people and to working families: safer neighborhoods; a secure border; strong, effective, and respected military and law enforcement; real growth; real opportunities; real wage increases like we saw when we cut taxes; and just a better quality of life and better hope over the horizon for our children.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. BANKS for allowing me to be a part of today's Special Order.

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague and friend for so many important comments that he and the others have shared with us today as we mark the 1-year anniversary mark of President Biden taking office as the current President of the United States.

Once again, this President ends his first year in office with the lowest approval rating of any President in American history. The American people are feeling the decline of America. They see it, and they hate it because they know it doesn't have to be this way. They are crying out for leadership. They are begging the party in power—the Democratic Party that controls the Congress and owns the White House under President Joe Biden—to do something about inflation, because they feel it and see it every day when they go to the grocery store. And they beg the Democratic Party to do so something about it. They are begging President Biden to address inflation, the worst inflation of my lifetime.

They are baffled why the party in power and this President are completely tone-deaf to the needs of the American people as they suffer through this disastrous set of consequences of the policies of this President.

Madam Speaker, you heard a lot tonight about the effects of the COVID lockdowns and policies that have hurt our kids in schools and have hurt so many working Americans as they feel the pressures of these lockdowns and the failed policies of this administration. You have heard a lot tonight about the effects of fentanyl and the drugs that are coming over the wide-open border because of the failed border policies of this President.

You have heard a lot tonight about the embarrassment that Afghanistan has caused the American people on the world stage. The American people know that when we put America's interests first in our foreign policy, the world is safer and better off. But under this President, America is less safe from North Korea to the Middle East, China and Russia, all of these countries are seizing on America's weakness under President Biden's leadership, and the world is less safe because of it.

Madam Speaker, I call on the Democratic Party and President Biden to step up to the plate. America can't afford to suffer another 3 years of what they have suffered through over the last year.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President and the Vice President.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2520. An act to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to provide for engagements with State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 8 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 117th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Twentieth District of Florida.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3169. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's Major final rule — 2022-2024 Single-Family and 2022 Multifamily Enterprise Housing Goals (RIN: 2590-AB12) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110

Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3170. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3171. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notice of a drawdown authority; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3172. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a certification regarding Australia Group effectiveness; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3173. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for a drawdown; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3174. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 21-076, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3175. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 20-066, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3176. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-216, "Flexible Rent Subsidy Pilot Program Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3177. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-217, "Post-Public Health Emergency Protections Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3178. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-218, "Medical Marijuana Plant Count Elimination Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3179. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-219, "Metropolitan Police Department Overtime Spending Accountability Temporary Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3180. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-281, "Capital Gains Deduction Clarification Temporary Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3181. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-282, "Steatery Program Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2021", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3182. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-283, "Fair Meals Delivery Second Temporary Act of 2021", pursuant to

Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3183. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-284, “Constituent Unemployment Compensation Information Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3184. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-288, “Ghost Guns Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2021”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3185. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-285, “Coronavirus Immunization of School Students and Early Childhood Workers Regulation Amendment Act of 2021”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3186. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting DC Act 24-286, “School Financial Transparency Amendment Act of 2021”, pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-3187. A letter from the Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting the quarterly report of receipts and expenditures of appropriations and other funds for the period October 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 104a (H. Doc. No. 117–84); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

EC-3188. A letter from the Branch Chief, Border Security Regulations Branch, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department’s interim final rule — Automation of CBP Form I-418 for Vessels [Docket No.: USCBP-2021-0046; CBP Dec. No.: 21-19] (RIN: 1651-AB18) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3189. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of Legal Policy, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Registration Requirements Under the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act [Docket No.: OAG 157; AG Order No.: 5244-2021] (RIN: 1105-AB52) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3190. A letter from the Senior Counsel, Office of Legal Policy, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment for 2021 [Docket No.: OAG 173; AG Order No.: 5236-2021], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3191. A letter from the Supervisory Workforce Analyst, OPDR, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Adjudication of Temporary and Seasonal Need for Herding and Production of Livestock on the Range Applications Under the H-2A Program [DOL Docket No.: ETA-2020-0005] (RIN: 1205-AB99) received December 23, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3192. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Depart-

ment’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus SAS Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0372; Project Identifier MCAI-2020-01684-T; Amendment 39-21681; AD 2021-16-18] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3193. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Honda Aircraft Company LLC Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0884; Project Identifier AD-2021-00998-A; Amendment 39-21785; AD 2021-22-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3194. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Modification of Class D and Class E Airspace; Tacoma Narrows Airport, WA [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0925; Airspace Docket No.: 20-ANM-18] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3195. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment of Class C Airspace; Columbus, OH [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0807; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AWA-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3196. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Frankfort, MI [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0703; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AGL-28] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3197. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-31, V-36, V-84, V-252, and V-510 in the Vicinity of Buffalo, NY [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0496; Airspace Docket No.: 20-AEA-1] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3198. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment Class D and Class E Airspace; South Florida [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0169; Airspace Docket No.: 21-ASO-3] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3199. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Modification of Class D Airspace; Gray AAF (Joint Base Lewis-McChord), WA [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0899; Airspace Docket No.: 20-ANM-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3200. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Modification of Class D Airspace; McChord Field (Joint Base Lewis-McChord), WA [Docket No.: FAA-2020-0896; Airspace Docket No.: 20-ANM-17] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3201. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment of Area Navigation (RNAV) T-348 and Establishment of T-409; Northcentral United States [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0288; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AGL-6] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3202. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Amendment of V-36 and V-316, and Revocation of V-180 Due to Planned Decommissioning of the Elliot Lake and Dryden Non-Directional Beacons (NDBs) Ontario, Canada [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0279; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AGL-13] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3203. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Modification and Establishment of Class E Airspace; Frank Wiley Field Airport, MT [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0633; Airspace Docket No.: 21-ANM-22] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3204. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Portland-Troutdale Airport, OR [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0637; Airspace Docket No.: 21-ANM-31] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3205. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31399; Amdt. No.: 562] received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3206. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31397; Amdt. No.: 3981] received January 11, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3207. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department’s final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31398; Amdt. No.: 3982] received January 11, 2022,

pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 4599. A bill to strengthen and enhance the competitiveness of American manufacturing through the research and development of advanced technologies to reduce steelmaking emissions, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117-227). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 6411. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the mental health care provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 6412. A bill to exclude products from non-market economy countries and products that are subject to certain enforcement actions from the privilege of de minimis treatment under the Tariff Act of 1930, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. CAMMACK (for herself, Mr. MAST, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. DUNN, and Mr. RUTHERFORD):

H.R. 6413. A bill to prohibit local educational agencies from obligating certain Federal funds when schools are not providing full time in-person instruction; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 6414. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit any conditions of participation under the Medicare or Medicaid programs that include a vaccine or drug mandate; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 6415. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit the Federal reserve banks from offering certain products or services directly to an individual, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. ESHOO (for herself, Ms. SCHKOWSKY, and Mr. RUSH):

H.R. 6416. A bill to prohibit targeted advertising by advertising facilitators and advertisers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 6417. A bill to require the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act to combat the perpetuation of human rights violations in the People's Republic of

China by certain members of the International Olympic Committee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. KIM of California (for herself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. MAST):

H.R. 6418. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to report to Congress on evacuation operations in Afghanistan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ (for herself and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 6419. A bill to amend title 10 and title 41, United States Code, to amend the compliance procedures for the prohibition on criminal history inquiries by Federal contractors prior to conditional offers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. WAGNER (for herself, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mrs. RODGERS of Washington):

H.R. 6420. A bill to amend the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 relating to determinations with respect to efforts of foreign countries to reduce demand for commercial sex acts under the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. CRAIG:

H. Res. 873. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit Members of Congress from owning individual stocks; to the Committee on Ethics.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 6411.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, authorized by Congress' power to "provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States."

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 6412.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the U.S. Constitution

By Mrs. CAMMACK:

H.R. 6413.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. CRENSHAW:

H.R. 6414.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause III

By Mr. EMMER:

H.R. 6415.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. ESHOO:

H.R. 6416.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18; Article I, Section 8, Clause 3.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 6417.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mrs. KIM of California:

H.R. 6418.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ:

H.R. 6419.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 1 of the Constitution.

By Mrs. WAGNER:

H.R. 6420.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

Article I, Section 8, Clause 10

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

Amendment XIII (relating to slavery and involuntary servitude)

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 214: Mr. GOLDEN.

H.R. 279: Ms. STANSBURY and Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 336: Mr. PAYNE and Mr. LAMB.

H.R. 475: Mrs. KIM of California.

H.R. 571: Mr. JEFFRIES and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 622: Mrs. TRAHAN.

H.R. 675: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 684: Mr. CAREY.

H.R. 748: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. LEVIN of California, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Ms. SPANBERGER.

H.R. 914: Mr. YARMUTH.

H.R. 959: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.

H.R. 962: Ms. WILD and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 970: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 1011: Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 1012: Mrs. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 1120: Ms. SLOTKIN.

H.R. 1432: Mr. MRVAN.

H.R. 1577: Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. SIRES, Mr. BACON, and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 1579: Mr. LEVIN of California, Mr. CICILLINE, and Mr. COURTNEY.

H.R. 1623: Mr. MCNERNEY.

H.R. 1624: Mr. MCNERNEY.

H.R. 1694: Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 1842: Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mrs. LEE of Nevada, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MALINOWSKI, and Ms. WILD.

H.R. 1861: Mr. ESTES.

H.R. 1905: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 1946: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 1959: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 1986: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 2014: Ms. SLOTKIN.

H.R. 2168: Mr. CARBAJAL and Mrs. KIM of California.

H.R. 2192: Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 2193: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 2238: Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 2244: Mrs. MCBATH.

- H.R. 2249: Mr. McCAUL, Mr. HILL, and Mr. HAGEDORN.  
H.R. 2252: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. DEAN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. ALLRED, and Ms. DELBENE.  
H.R. 2264: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.  
H.R. 2525: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut.  
H.R. 2670: Mr. GOMEZ.  
H.R. 2709: Mr. EVANS.  
H.R. 2773: Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. VAN DREW.  
H.R. 2840: Mr. MAST.  
H.R. 2861: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.  
H.R. 3109: Miss RICE of New York.  
H.R. 3134: Mr. CAREY.  
H.R. 3183: Ms. SPANBERGER.  
H.R. 3268: Mr. CAREY.  
H.R. 3348: Mr. WELCH and Mr. CUELLAR.  
H.R. 3460: Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. COLE, and Mr. WEBER of Texas.  
H.R. 3488: Mr. TRONE, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. JEFFRIES.  
H.R. 3515: Mr. CAREY.  
H.R. 3525: Ms. DEAN.  
H.R. 3572: Mr. AGUILAR.  
H.R. 3577: Mr. FERGUSON and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.  
H.R. 3586: Mr. RUSH, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, and Mr. FOSTER.  
H.R. 3617: Mr. CROW.  
H.R. 3728: Mr. RUIZ and Ms. HOULAHAN.  
H.R. 3778: Mr. HUFFMAN.  
H.R. 3816: Mr. HICE of Georgia.  
H.R. 3826: Mr. HICE of Georgia.  
H.R. 3829: Mr. LAMALFA.  
H.R. 3843: Ms. LEE of California.  
H.R. 3967: Mr. KEATING and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia.  
H.R. 4074: Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
H.R. 4134: Ms. BONAMICI and Mr. LYNCH.  
H.R. 4198: Mr. AGUILAR.  
H.R. 4230: Miss RICE of New York.  
H.R. 4387: Mr. CASTEN.  
H.R. 4560: Ms. SLOTKIN.  
H.R. 4565: Mr. HARDER of California.  
H.R. 4594: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.  
H.R. 4609: Mr. AUCHINCLOSS and Mr. POSEY.  
H.R. 4677: Mr. PALLONE.  
H.R. 4693: Mr. CROW and Mr. LAHOOD.  
H.R. 4794: Mr. KEATING.  
H.R. 4826: Mr. SCHIFF.  
H.R. 4828: Mr. CAREY.  
H.R. 4833: Mr. SABLAN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. STANSBURY.  
H.R. 4838: Mr. COSTA, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. CONNOLLY.  
H.R. 4878: Ms. KELLY of Illinois and Mr. MRVAN.  
H.R. 5028: Mr. STEIL.  
H.R. 5136: Mr. MAST, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. JACKSON, and Mr. VAN DREW.  
H.R. 5224: Mr. CAREY.  
H.R. 5227: Mr. DOGGETT.  
H.R. 5244: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.  
H.R. 5300: Mr. KEATING and Mrs. TRAHAN.  
H.R. 5344: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 5377: Mrs. TRAHAN and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS.  
H.R. 5388: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.  
H.R. 5396: Ms. SANCHEZ.  
H.R. 5413: Ms. STANSBURY.  
H.R. 5414: Mrs. KIM of California.  
H.R. 5439: Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 5482: Mr. COHEN.  
H.R. 5497: Mr. BARR, Mr. JACKSON, and Mr. CARSON.  
H.R. 5533: Mr. RASKIN, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. NEGUSE.  
H.R. 5537: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.  
H.R. 5540: Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
H.R. 5585: Mr. RUSH and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
H.R. 5598: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.  
H.R. 5606: Mr. KEATING and Mr. KILDEE.  
H.R. 5703: Ms. SALAZAR.  
H.R. 5736: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.  
H.R. 5750: Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. TLAIB, and Mr. LAWSON of Florida.  
H.R. 5776: Ms. SCANLON and Mr. SWALWELL.  
H.R. 5788: Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois.  
H.R. 5804: Mr. BACON and Mr. Cárdenas.  
H.R. 5900: Mr. KHANNA, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. CORREA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. WATERS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. BERA, Ms. BASS, Mr. GARCIA of California, and Ms. PORTER.  
H.R. 5922: Mr. CASTEN and Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina.  
H.R. 5944: Mr. CASE.  
H.R. 6006: Mr. HILL.  
H.R. 6015: Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Mr. FOSTER.  
H.R. 6023: Ms. STANSBURY.  
H.R. 6054: Mr. CLEAVER, Mrs. BEATTY, and Mr. LYNCH.  
H.R. 6056: Mr. CAREY and Mr. GUTHRIE.  
H.R. 6094: Ms. CHU and Mrs. KIRKPATRICK.  
H.R. 6100: Mr. CORREA and Mr. MCEACHIN.  
H.R. 6107: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.  
H.R. 6123: Mr. CAREY.  
H.R. 6132: Mr. GARBARINO.  
H.R. 6152: Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 6167: Mr. LIEU.  
H.R. 6201: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Mr. GALLEGO.  
H.R. 6212: Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. EMMER, and Mr. FEENSTRA.  
H.R. 6232: Mr. ARMSTRONG.  
H.R. 6243: Mr. HICE of Georgia.  
H.R. 6244: Mr. LOUDERMILK.  
H.R. 6247: Mr. BUDD.  
H.R. 6251: Mr. RESCHENTHALER.  
H.R. 6298: Mr. HARRIS, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. KELLER.  
H.R. 6299: Mr. CALVERT.  
H.R. 6304: Mr. CAREY.  
H.R. 6353: Mr. HARDER of California.  
H.R. 6365: Mr. McCAUL.  
H.R. 6367: Mrs. KIM of California and Mr. ISSA.  
H.R. 6377: Ms. NORTON and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.  
H.R. 6385: Mr. PASCRELL and Mr. BEYER.  
H.R. 6398: Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
H.R. 6401: Mr. NORMAN.  
H.R. 6408: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK.  
H.J. Res. 63: Mr. COHEN.  
H. Con. Res. 33: Mr. CRENSHAW.  
H. Con. Res. 57: Mr. BACON.  
H. Res. 94: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.  
H. Res. 404: Ms. LETLOW, Ms. SEWELL, Mrs. DEMINGS, and Mr. LAMBORN.  
H. Res. 500: Mr. SOTO.  
H. Res. 548: Mr. CAREY.  
H. Res. 870: Ms. NORTON.  
H. Res. 871: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. DEFazio, and Mr. COHEN.



# PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT OF THE 117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, prior to sine die adjournment of the First Session, 117th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

September 30, 2021:

H.R. 5293. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5305. An Act making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for providing emergency assistance, and for other purposes.

October 2, 2021:

H.R. 5434. An Act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

October 13, 2021:

H.R. 2278. AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE SEPTEMBER 11TH NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRAIL ROUTE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

October 19, 2021:

H.R. 4981. An Act to amend the Fentanyl Sanctions Act, to modify certain deadlines relating to the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking.

October 31, 2021:

H.R. 5763. An Act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

November 10, 2021:

H.R. 1899. An Act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for the modification, transfer, and termination of a registration to manufacture, distribute, or dispense controlled substances or list I chemicals, and for other purposes.

November 11, 2021:

H.R. 3919. An Act to ensure that the Federal Communications Commission prohibits authorization of radio frequency devices that pose a national security risk.

November 12, 2021:

H.R. 3475. An Act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Columbus, Georgia, as the "Robert S. Poydasheff VA Clinic".

H.R. 4172. An Act to name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Aurora, Colorado, as the "Lieutenant Colonel John W. Mosley VA Clinic".

November 15, 2021:

H.R. 3684. An Act to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

November 22, 2021:

H.R. 2093. An Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make all fact sheets of the Department of Veterans Affairs available in English, Spanish, and Tagalog, and other commonly spoken languages, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2911. An Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a plan for obligating and expending

Coronavirus pandemic funding made available to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

November 23, 2021:

H.R. 1510. An Act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress a report on the use of cameras in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

December 3, 2021:

H.R. 6119. An Act making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes.

December 16, 2021:

H.R. 5142. An Act to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport, and for other purposes.

December 21, 2021:

H.R. 390. An Act to redesignate the Federal building located at 167 North Main Street in Memphis, Tennessee as the "Odell Horton Federal Building".

H.R. 4660. An Act to designate the Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 1125 Chapline Street in Wheeling, West Virginia, as the "Frederick P. Stamp, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 5545. An Act to extend certain expiring provisions of law relating to benefits provided under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs during COVID-19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

December 23, 2021:

H.R. 3537. An Act to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to support research on, and expanded access to, investigational drugs for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6256. An Act to ensure that goods made with forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China do not enter the United States market, and for other purposes.

December 27, 2021:

H.R. 1664. An Act to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work in the District of Columbia and its environs, and for other purposes.

## SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT PRIOR TO SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT

The President, prior to sine die adjournment of the First Session, 117th Congress, notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates, he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

October 8, 2021:

S. 189. An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2021, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1917. An Act to establish a K-12 education cybersecurity initiative, and for other purposes.

October 13, 2021:

S. 848. An Act to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to improve the service obligation verification process for TEACH Grant recipients, and for other purposes.

October 14, 2021:

S. 1301. An Act to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans.

November 10, 2021:

S. 1064. An Act to advance the strategic alignment of United States diplomatic tools toward the realization of free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua and to reaffirm the commitment of the United States to protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of Nicaragua, and for other purposes.

November 18, 2021:

S. 921. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to further protect officers and employees of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 1502. An Act to make Federal law enforcement officer peer support communications confidential, and for other purposes.

S. 1511. An Act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to payments to certain public safety officers who have become permanently and totally disabled as a result of personal injuries sustained in the line of duty, and for other purposes.

November 23, 2021:

S. 108. An Act to authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to lease or transfer certain land, and for other purposes.

November 30, 2021:

S. 796. An Act to codify maternity care coordination programs at the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 894. An Act to identify and refer members of the Armed Forces with a health care occupation who are separating from the Armed Forces for potential employment with the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1031. An Act to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on disparities associated with race and ethnicity with respect to certain benefits administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

S. 1095. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the disapproval by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of courses of education offered by public institutions of higher learning that do not charge veterans the in-State tuition rate for purposes of Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance Program, and for other purposes.

December 10, 2021:

S. 610. An Act to address behavioral health and well-being among health care professionals.

December 16, 2021:

S.J. Res. 33. A joint resolution joint resolution relating to increasing the debt limit.

December 22, 2021:

S. 3377. An Act to empower the Chief of the United States Capitol Police to unilaterally

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request the assistance of the DC National Guard or Federal law enforcement agencies in emergencies without prior approval of the Capitol Police Board.

December 27, 2021:

S. 1605. An Act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military con-

struction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.